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Amendments to the Specification

Insert the below paragraph following the paragraph beginning "FIG. 21A and 21B are graphics depicting Koch ..." on page 9.

FIG. 22 illustrates the transfer of a methylene chloride solution, done in two portions, into a nitrogen filled 12-liter flask equipped with an overhead stirrer consistent with the present invention.

Replace the paragraph beginning "t-BOC-LMB: To 3.6 L of de-ionized water in a 22 liter flask was added ..." on page 42 with the following amended paragraph:

t-BOC-LMB: To 3.6 L of de-ionized water in a 22 liter flask was added 600 grams of methylene blue trihydrate which was dissolved by stirring. Solution dithionite (sodium hydrosulfite), 600 grams, was added to the stirred solution that was blanketed by nitrogen. Over the course of 10 minutes was added 2.4 L of 10% sodium hydroxide solution followed by 9.6 L of methylene chloride. The tip speed of the blade should be 130-150 ft/min; stirring too rapidly affords excessive rag layer/emulsion. The solution was stirred for 30 minutes. After stirring for 30 minutes, the layers were allowed to separate. The leuco methylene blue/methylene chloride layer was pressure transferred with N₂ to a 4 L separatory funnel, which was also equipped with a N₂ bubbler. The transfer was done in two portions, allowing time for the layers to separate. The methylene chloride

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solution was transferred into a nitrogen filled 12-liter flask equipped with an overhead stirrer, as shown in ~~the figure below~~ FIG. 22.

Delete the figure inserted within the text on page 42, said figure immediately following the sentence "The methylene chloride solution was transferred into a nitrogen filled 12-liter flask equipped with an overhead stirrer, as shown in the figure below."

Amendments to the Drawings

Please insert new FIG. 22, attached hereto, to the drawings section of this application. This new FIG. 22 merely replaces the drawing that was previously inserted into the text of the detailed description of the invention section of the specification.

Attachments:

New FIG. 22.